

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/100,934

Examiner

Thuy Pardo

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Decision on Appeal filed on May 30, 2003 and Amendment filed on August 30, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5, 6, now renumbered 1 and 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 June 1998 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                             | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____             |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____               | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                             |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

**THUY N. PARDO**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 30, 2003 and Applicant's Amendment on August 30, 2004 have been reviewed. Claims 5 and 6, the Specification and Drawings have been amended in response to Examiner's Office Action have been reviewed.

#### *Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Upon the reconsideration of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 30, 2003, Applicant's amendments filed on August 30, 2004, and the extensive searches of various databases (see the search notes), the Examiner respectfully submits that claims 5 and 6 are allowable over the prior art of record (see PTO-892 and PTO-1449).

#### *Reason for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter*

The present invention is directed to a method for operating a computer system to accurately perform date operations spanning centuries. The closest prior art, Adamchick US Patent No. 5,761,668, teaches converting computer databases and software to accommodate date the change of date from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000 and subsequent dates. However, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination the recited limitation **"adding said 7 integers of one of said plurality of date files to said 7 integers of another of said plurality of date files to generate a sum; and adding 635 to said sum when the last three integers of said sum is in excess of 365 to generate a new date file representative of a new calendar date"** as set forth in the independent 5, and **"subtracting said**

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**7 integers of one of said plurality of date files from said 7 integers of another said plurality of date file to generate a difference; and subtracting 635 from said difference when the last three integers of said difference is in excess of 365 to generate a new date file representative of the number of years and days difference between the date files” as set forth in the independent 6. Therefore, all pending claims 5 and 6 are hereby allowed.**

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at 571-272-4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned as follows:

(703) 872-9306 (Official Communication)

and/or:

***571-273-4082 (Use this Fax#, only after approval by Examiner, for “INFORMAL” or “Draft” communication. Examiner may request that a formal/amendment be faxed directly to then on occasions).***

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Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

**5. Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

**or faxed to:**

(703) 308-9051, (for formal communications intended for entry)

Or:

(703) 308-5359, (for informal or draft communications, please label

"PROPOSED" or "DRAFT")

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

February 14, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'THUY N. PARDO', written in a cursive style.

**THUY N. PARDO  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**